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# OFFICIAL REPORTS OF SOCIETIES

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## THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES

FRAULEIN HEDWIG VON SCHLICHTING, the matron and superintendent of nurses at the Eppendorf Hospital, near Hamburg, one of the finest in Germany, has consented to take a seat on the International Council of Nurses as honorary vice-president for Germany. Fraulein von Schlichting does not expect to attend the meetings in Buffalo, but she will be present at those in Berlin in 1904.

The secretary of the International Council has sent out notices announcing the first meeting in Buffalo in the afternoon of September 16.

The order of business will include reports from the various countries showing the present stage of advancement in organization, as it is the ideal of the International Council that it shall ultimately be composed of national organizations.

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## THE CONGRESS OF NURSES

THE following list shows the nurses who up to the present time have consented to accept honorary positions on the Congress programme, and several countries are still to be heard from:

Honorary president of the Congress, MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK, president of the International Council of Nurses.

Honorary vice-president, representing England, MISS ISLA STEWART, matron St. Bartholomew's Hospital and president Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland.

Honorary vice-president, representing Ireland, MISS MARGARET HUXLEY, matron St. Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin.

Honorary vice-president, representing Scotland, MRS. STRONG, matron Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

Honorary vice-president, representing Wales, MISS E. A. M. WILSON, matron Cardiff Infirmary.

Honorary vice-president, representing Germany, FRAULEIN VICTORIA GERVINUS, matron and superintendent of nurses, Victoria House, Berlin.

Honorary vice-president, representing Australia, Miss S. B. MCGAHEY, matron Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney.

Honorary vice-president, representing Italy, Miss GRACE BAXTER, superintendent of nurses Ospedale Clinico, Naples.

Associations of nurses from which promises of delegates have been received thus far are: The Australasian Trained Nurses' Association; the Midwives' Institute and Trained Nurses' Club, London; the Metropolitan Nurses' Club, New York; Roosevelt Hospital, New York; the Registered Nurses' Society, London; the New York Hospital Alumnæ; the Visiting Nurses' Association, Chicago; the Rhode Island Hospital Alumnæ; the Victorian Order of Nurses, Canada; the Lady Stanley Institute for Nurses, Ottawa; the Spanish-American Order of War Nurses; the Illinois Training-School Alumnæ and the St. Luke's Alumnæ, of Chicago; the Johns Hopkins Hospital Alumnæ; St. Bartholomew's League of Nurses, London; the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland; the New York Post-Graduate Hospital Alumnæ; the Orange Training-School Alumnæ; the Rochester City Hospital Alumnæ; the Alice Fisher Alumnæ, Philadelphia; the Monroe-County Association, New York State, while a number of other home associations are unofficially known to be certain of sending delegates, yet as their secretaries' acceptances are not yet in, they will not be published until officially announced.

The Congress Committee had a meeting in Buffalo on May 16 to transact business connected with the programme and local arrangements for the Nurses' Congress. Miss McIsaac, the president, was in the chair. Other members present were: Miss Damer, Mrs. Storck, Miss Simpson, Miss McKinnon, and Mrs. Morley, of the Buffalo Nurses' Association, and Miss Banfield, Miss Keating, Miss Walker, Mrs. Robb, Miss Palmer, Miss Snively, and Miss Dock.

Among the various arrangements and details the following are especially to be brought to the notice of nurses at home and abroad:

#### LOCAL COMMITTEES ON RECEPTION AND ENTERTAINMENT.

Addresses of chairmen's head-quarters in different towns:

*In Boston.*—Miss Riddle, Boston City Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

*In New York.*—Miss Irene Sutcliffe, New York Hospital, Fifteenth Street, New York City.

*In Philadelphia.*—Miss Lucy Walker, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

*In Baltimore.*—Miss Nutting, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland.

*In Washington.*—Miss Nevins, Garfield Hospital, Washington, D. C.

*In Buffalo.*—Miss Damer, 55 Mohawk Street, Buffalo, New York.

*In Chicago.*—Miss Fulmer, 1403 Unity Building, 79 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

*In San Francisco.*—Miss Patton, City and County Hospital, San Francisco, California.

*In Toronto.*—Miss Snively, General Hospital, Toronto, Canada.

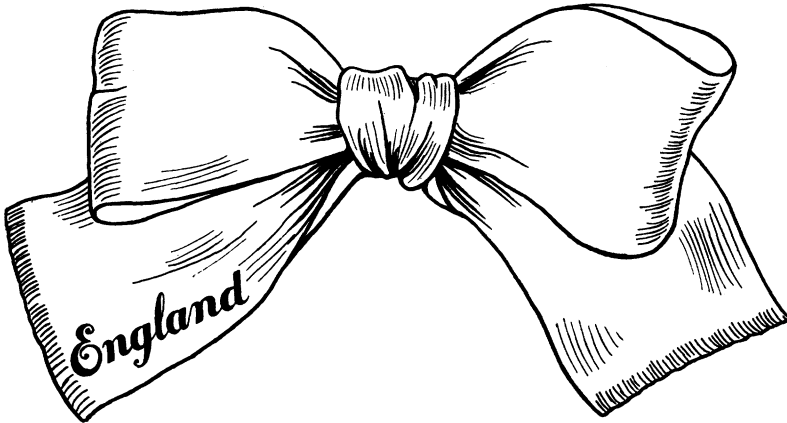
*In Montreal.*—The Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, Canada.

Foreign nurses desiring to be met and shown about in any of these cities are cordially invited to write to the head-quarters as given in the above list, stating the time when they expect to make their visit, with the time of arrival of train or boat landing.

## RECOGNITION BADGE.

(FULL SIZE)

To be worn near the left shoulder.



Color: Bright scarlet. Country's name in silk stitches.

### THE RECOGNITION BADGE.

Foreign nurses on arriving in the country, and when going from one town to another, are requested to wear a bow of bright scarlet ribbon, made simply in two loops and ends, with the name of their country stitched on one end, as per illustration. The ribbon should be about one and one-quarter inches wide, and the bow worn upon the left lapel of the coat or near the left shoulder-seam of the dress.

The Reception Committee members, when going to trains or boat-landings, will wear a similar bow. The official delegates will have this "recognition badge" sent to them, but all other visitors from abroad are asked to procure and wear it.

## REFERENCE COLLECTION OF NURSING LITERATURE.

While it was not thought practicable to have anything in the way of an exhibit of nursing appliances, the committee agreed at this meeting to call for a full collection of books, magazines, and papers written and published by nurses; of reports, circulars, or journals published by nurses' societies of any and all kinds; and of constitutions, by-laws, and rules of order of nurses' organizations.

## THE PRESS COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed to be especially responsible for this collection consists of Miss Dock, Miss Damer, and Miss Palmer. While this committee will expect to write many direct letters, yet it will facilitate their work if all associations, organizations, or individual nurses who read this notice will, as promptly as possible, send in to *Miss Damer*, 55 Mohawk Street, Buffalo, *two* copies (in case of one being lost or defaced) of their books, journals, constitutions, reports, etc., for this exhibit.

They will all be placed in one of the rooms at the Woman's Union, where the Congress meetings will be held, for inspection and reference, and orders may be left there for procuring copies.

## THE CONGRESS NUMBER OF "THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING."

Instead of scattering our delegates' biographies through the summer numbers, it was decided that the issue appearing on September 1 should be completely given up to the biographies and photographs of delegates, both foreign and home members, and that this issue should take the place of the usual pamphlets issued at Congresses (such as appeared at the London Congress entitled "Who's Who at the Congress of Women"). It will be on sale at twenty (20) cents a copy.

The same committee—Miss Dock, Miss Damer, and Miss Palmer—will be charged with securing this material, and they take this opportunity of asking that a short biographical sketch of every official delegate be sent, with a brief account of the association from which the delegate comes.

This material is to be addressed to Miss Dock, 265 Henry Street, New York City.

The committee took advantage of the opportunity to visit the Pan-American Exhibition, which is truly of marvellous beauty in its tropical luxuriance of color, and at night is a wonderful lace network of electric lights. It is well worth a visit to the country, even were there no other reason for crossing the sea or continent.

The programme as arranged so far will contain papers as follows: "Hospital Administration,—in Great Britain, in America;" "Women on Hospital Boards;" "Nurses' Coöperative Societies;" "The Work of Hospitals as Affecting other Institutions and the Community;" "Preparatory Education of Nurses,—What we are Doing with the Three Years' Course;" "Educational Future of our Schools;" "Post-Graduate Work in Hospitals;" "Organization and Legislation amongst Nurses;" "Indian Army Nursing Service;" "English Naval Service;" "Nursing in the South-African War;" "Nursing in the United States Army Service;" "Nursing Schools in Cuba;" "Historical Outline of the Origin, Growth, and Present Status of District Nursing in England, in America, and in Canada;" "Nurses' Settlements," and short papers on the opportunities and responsibilities of the nurse to-day. It is expected that the completed programme may be given next month.

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#### **LONG ISLAND COLLEGE HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ**

At the annual meeting held at 197 Clinton Street on April 13 the following officers were elected for the year: President, Mrs. C. L. Twing; first vice-president, Miss M. C. Fraser; second vice-president, Miss H. E. Haines; recording secretary, Miss Hopefield, 157 Henry Street; corresponding secretary, Miss M. Tweeddale, 197 Clinton Street; treasurer, Miss H. E. Burdick, the L. I. C. Hospital; secretary and treasurer of the Sick Fund, Miss E. G. Brown, 654 East Twenty-third Street, Flat-bush; Executive Committee—Misses I. L. Sutcliffe, F. E. Weagant, A. Davids, E. Chappelle, and I. E. O'Daly. The next regular meeting will be held at the hospital on May 11, 1901.

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#### **THE POST-GRADUATE ALUMNÆ**

At the stated meeting held at the club on Tuesday, May 7, the graduating class, numbering twenty-two, was elected to membership. Most of the members have, since the time of the organization of the *alumnæ*, looked towards the establishment of a Sick Fund. At the May meeting this fund was formed and a secretary and treasurer elected, said secretary and treasurer to confer with the president during the summer and report at the September meeting. The delegate and substitute to the International Congress were elected, and after hearing the report of the State organization meeting held at Albany the meeting was adjourned.

**ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATIONS OF CHICAGO**

A LETTER from Miss Tooker, superintendent of Michael Reese Hospital, says their article on "Recent Methods of Preparing Foods for Infants" is nearly ready for publication.

We commend to other alumnæ association reports Mrs. De Witt's plan in the I. T.-S. monthly *Report* reviewing the articles in THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING. In the February number of this *Report* is also a clever paper on "Bacteriology," by Mrs. Polson, Class of '96.

Before another issue of the JOURNAL, St. Luke's, the Illinois, and Michael Reese Alumnæ will have taken the necessary steps towards securing State registration for nurses in Illinois.

Upon solicitation of the various alumnæ of the city the Women's Clubs of Chicago are taking up the matter of engaging public sentiment against the wearing of trained nurses' uniforms by servants and others who have not the right.

Chicago Alumnæ represent the smallest contingent of subscribers to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING. Is not this due to thoughtlessness?

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**LEBANON HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ**

THE graduates of Lebanon Hospital, New York City, met on Wednesday, April 10, for the purpose of forming an alumnæ association. There were ten members present. It was decided to hold the meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at the hospital, One-Hundred-and-Fiftieth Street and Westchester Avenue. Miss D. Rayser was elected president and Miss N. A. Jaffier recording secretary and treasurer.

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**MASSACHUSETTS HOMŒOPATHIC ALUMNÆ**

A PLEASANT reception was given on the evening of April 1 by the Alumnæ Association of the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital, Boston, to Miss Caroline Marston and Miss D. K. Edgerton, who represent the school as its two oldest members. Miss Marston has been a most valued worker on the nursing staff for twenty-eight years, nearly the whole time since the establishment of the hospital. Miss Edgerton has been a successful surgical nurse, having had charge of a large private ward department for about fifteen years. It seemed fitting that these members receive special recognition from the large number of younger nurses who feel that they owe much to their instruction. The parlors

of Vose Hall were well filled, many coming from a distance to show their interest and appreciation. An excellent musical programme was prepared under the supervision of Miss Alice A. Griswold, superintendent of nurses, and the whole proved a delightful occasion. Miss Marston and Miss Edgerton left on the following Thursday for a long visit in the West, bearing with them the kind thoughts and good wishes of all.

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#### **MISS MARGARET McDONALD WOUNDED IN SOUTH AFRICA**

THE alumnae of the New York City Training-School for Nurses have been reading the reports from the seat of war in South Africa with especial interest because one of their fellow-graduates has achieved distinction there, not only for her work as a nurse, but also for her bravery on the field of battle. She is Miss Margaret C. McDonald, of Pictou, Nova Scotia. The cable reported early in the fall that she had been wounded, and that she had conducted herself with heroism worthy of a trained soldier. Further details of the accident to Miss McDonald have reached New York in letters from Cape Town, but even these reports are somewhat incomplete. Fragmentary as they are, they have added to the satisfaction of the Alumnae Association of the City Hospital nurses, who are anxiously awaiting Miss McDonald's return to this country to give her a reception and to proclaim their pride in her achievements.

Miss McDonald's friends do not know in what engagements she was wounded or the exact date. The cable simply said that she had been wounded. The letters received since say that she was on the firing-line or close to it. It is also known that she offered to assist in surgical work near the line of battle. The surgeons protested for a time, but she said that she was not afraid. She was wounded in the shoulder by a piece of shell. It is thought that there was a change in the line of battle and that it was impossible to move the surgeon's head-quarters, where the wounded men were taken for immediate treatment. Miss McDonald refused to leave her work, and it is said did not flinch in the least. Her own wound was painful, but a delicate operation was being performed upon a wounded soldier and she felt that her presence was necessary until it was finished. After the soldier had been cared for fully she allowed the surgeon to look after her, and she retired for a time.

Miss McDonald was graduated from the City Hospital Training-School in the Class of '95. She had three-years' experience in general nursing before the South African War was begun. She was elected recording secretary of the Alumnae Association, but resigned about a year ago to go to her home in Nova Scotia. As soon as the war started



her spirit of loyalty to Canada and the mother country prompted her to volunteer as a nurse.

Arriving in South Africa, Miss McDonald was attached to the column that went to the relief of Kimberley, and she was the first woman to enter the city after it was relieved. General Roberts himself came to see her when she was wounded, and told her that she was a brave woman.

Her reply was: "I am the daughter of a Highlander."

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#### **VIRGINIA HOSPITAL GRADUATES**

THE Virginia Hospital graduates have organized an Alumnae Association with the following officers:

President, Mrs. Virginius Harrison.

Vice-president, Miss Dorothy Stuckey.

Secretary, Miss Douthat.

Treasurer, Miss Sallie Webb.

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#### **BUFFALO NURSES' ASSOCIATION**

ON May 6 the regular monthly meeting of the Nurses' Association of Buffalo was held in the Guard of Honor rooms on Washington Street. Routine business occupied the first part of the meeting, and then Miss Marguerite Lindley, of New York, gave a most interesting talk on "Physical Culture." She besought nurses to use some thought as to self-preservation, and thus lessen the number of women who are breaking down when only started in their life-work. Her talk was earnest and full of helpful suggestions.

Reports from the delegates to the Albany meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association were fully given. The announcement of the election of Miss S. V. Nye, one of our association members, as the first president of the State Association was greeted with applause.

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#### **NURSES' SOCIAL SETTLEMENTS\***

THE movement known as the "Settlement Movement" has been so generally noted and discussed during the past few years that I hardly think the gathering to-day need be reminded of its inception and history. It may not be amiss, however, to restate that what the settlement

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\* Read by Miss L. D. Wald before the Third Annual Convention of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States, held at New York May 3, 4, and 5, 1900.

stands for is a social expression of the times in so far as its aims have crystallized or its principles been formulated.

Primarily we may claim that a "settlement" stands for an opportunity for different elements of society to know each other, and to find again those common ties that may fasten the bonds of mutual interest and mutual responsibilities.

Even in this so-called land of democracy social groups have developed into class groups, the rich and favored keeping to themselves, and in the greed of possession allowing the slum, the tenement-house life and all that it implies, to develop with them.

Now, there are not many who would have willingly allowed the creation of this state, for with class distinctions come class misconceptions, mistrusts, hates, and the ugly followers of poverty and sordid lives; therefore it does not seem strange that with this social injustice there should come the smart of the pricked consciences and action therefrom.

Into the life that seemed to him to show the greatest need first stepped the valiant young university man of England (1885). He took up his abode in the "slum" of his great capital and tried to learn from its denizens where the sore was, where the oppression, and hoped—if nothing more—to express to them and for them the sense of *his* desire for the universal brotherhood, and thereby he inaugurated a "settlement."

That desire the early church felt too, but has not kept so clearly before it, as the single creed of love and light (knowledge) became complicated with form and theology, and the new conscience—that is the social conscience—awakened seems almost to be a new message. Now the desire to know, to participate in the affairs of a social world, means the social life in its midst, and thus you see groups of people taking up their residence in parts of the cities that give them this new opportunity, not relinquishing their older ties, not uniting the two, but throwing their best efforts into new connection.

It is not easy to make genuine close social ties in any strange place, and the sincerest efforts of the sincerest people have often difficulty in finding an expression of their meaning, sometimes the small achievement mocking the high desire; but if this desire has entered into the heart of the nurse, she has the readiest opportunity in her profession.

She has so many advantages over other men and women of altruistic yearnings that she ought to count effectively as a link of restored belief and faith in the new social order of more fairly adjusted opportunities that we optimistically look forward to.

Nurses, therefore, who have the desire to throw their profession, their social ardor, into a service of the people, need have no difficulty in finding outlet for them. A democratic, neighborly, simple relationship is open to them in the "settlement," not a mission work as we have grown to understand that term, not as a means to persuade one set of people to believe as you do, but a frank avowal of relationship, a willingness, a zeal to serve where poverty augments the misfortune of disease, and then to hope for and to seize the opportunities of building upon this opening a relationship for future intercourse.

The nursing itself is what is probably familiar to you as district nursing—that is, the nurse does not remain continuously with one patient, but divides her day among several, going from one to the other; but the residence of the nurse in the social settlement being known to her patients, calls can be received and returned and part can be taken in the club, the class, and educational programme that is bound to grow in and about a settlement. These features will increase according to the number and ability of the settlement family and their attractive powers to the people of their neighborhood. So have the boys' and girls' clubs, the dancing-classes, debating societies, basket-ball teams, penny provident bank, domestic-science classes, kindergartens, and so forth grown as the needs and wishes of a neighborhood have been felt, naturally from the knowledge and influence of nurse and patient. Of course, the nurse does not care for the sick all day and manage clubs all evening, but she will desire some share in it; her interest will be in them all, and she will have such all-round concern in her patients, the definite details of their personality will be so well known to her, and she will find in the atmosphere of her home and a ready response to her efforts to bring them into it sufficient to prove the neighborliness of the house and all that that implies.

If all this sounds alluring to you, satisfying and stimulating, you are a nurse for a settlement.

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#### ERIE COUNTY ALUMNÆ

THE annual meeting of the Erie County Hospital Alumnæ Association will be held June 5. Miss Alice Gillette, of Cuba, is expected to be present and to give a talk on "Yellow Fever."

